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\$825 MILLION ALLOCATED TO CREATE JOBS AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

REDDING – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$825 million in new funding to 92 highway, transit, and rail projects that will strengthen California's economy and upgrade the state's vast transportation system.

The allocations included nearly \$9 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, the state has allocated nearly \$8 billion in Proposition 1B funds.

"From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California," said Caltrans Acting Director Malcolm Dougherty.

Two notable design-build projects in Los Angeles County received \$525 million in allocations: the Gerald Desmond Bridge (\$470 million) and the Interstate 10/Interstate 605 Direct Connector (\$55 million). Design-build streamlines a project by overlapping design and construction to speed up construction and potentially reduce costs.

Design-build is currently being used in 32 other states. Caltrans obtained design-build authority in February 2009 with the passage of Senate Bill 4 (second extraordinary session). The legislation established a demonstration program, which allows 10 design-build projects for Caltrans and five for local transportation agencies, subject to authorization by the CTC.

Other highlights of the allocations include:

MODOC COUNTY: \$4.7 million to rehabilitate 17.4 lane miles of roadway on State Route 299 from near Cedarville to the Nevada State line improving ride quality, preventing further deterioration of the road surface, minimizing the costly roadway repairs and extending the pavement service life. The existing pavement will be recycled in place and treated with 2% cement to establish a stiff base for paving a .3' asphalt concrete overlay. The new pavement is expected to be maintenance free for 20 years.

LASSEN COUNTY: Skyline Road Extension Bicycle Path -- \$50,000 to design a Class I bicycle path adjacent to the Skyline Road extension from Johnstonville Road to State Route 36.

SISKIYOU COUNTY: Dorris Centennial Welcome Plaza – \$92,000 to construct landscaping and architectural enhancements in Dorris along State Route 97 at the Plaza near City Hall. The project includes sculptures, sidewalks, pedestrian lighting and security cameras and provides aesthetic enhancements.

TEHAMA COUNTY: Lake California Drive Bikeway -- \$276,000 to construct a Class I bike path near Cottonwood, at the intersection of Main Street and Lake Drive to Del Mar Boulevard.





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TRINITY COUNTY: Lewiston Road Bike/Pedestrian Lane -- \$40,000 to design a Class I or II bikeway along approximately 1 mile of Lewiston Road that connects the nearby school to commercial and residential areas.

For information about all projects that received allocations please visit: http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsjune2011.pdf

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